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BAPTISMS:

Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

MARRIAGES

Please set the date with the priest or deacon at least six months prior to the wedding. Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass or on Sundays.

BULLETIN DEADLINE & INSERTS

Please submit any bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 2pm on the Monday prior to the weekend you would like it published. Also, please contact the office to obtain permission to insert fliers into the weekly bulletin.

Church of Saint Ann

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Rev. John W. McHugh, Ph.D., Pastor www.stannavon.org



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am

Sunday Vigil (Saturday): 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:00am

> First Friday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS:

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Saturday: after 4pm Mass First Friday: Before 9:00 AM Mass Other times by appointment

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays 9:30-10:30am

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri. 9:30–9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon

August 29, 2021







If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with our office manager. You may call 860-673-9858 or stop by the parish office to register. If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

This Week at St. Ann

MONDAY, August 30

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church Lectio Divina, Live!: not meeting this summer, will resume in Fall

TUESDAY, August 31

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, September 1

Wednesday Morning Study Group: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom

THURSDAY, September 2 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, September 3 Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, September 4

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SUNDAY, September 5 Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am via Zoom



Continues through September 18/19

The leaves will soon be turning, air chilling, and school buses rolling ... it's time for our annual Tools for Schools Collection, which will run through September 8/19. This collection is of great assistance to the Catholic Worker House, Hartford refugee families and the Avon Food Pantry families. Any/all NEW school supplies are welcomed. Backpacks are especially needed. Please place the items in the area marked "Tools for Schools" in the Gathering Space or bring down to church offices below Fr. Bennett Hall.

May you be blessed for your generosity!

Please consider these suggested items:

*Backpacks * Calculators * Notebooks *Pencils * Dictionaries * Rulers * Pencil sharpeners * Pens



MONDAY, August 30

9:00 Joseph, Trissa & Verghese, requested by Binoy Joseph

TUESDAY, August 31

9:00 Klaudiusz Jasiewicz, requested by the Osiecki Family

WEDNESDAY, September 1

9:00 Robert Collier (14th Ann.), requested by the family

THURSDAY, September 2

9:00 Margaret Bruno (4th Ann.) requested by the Bruno Family

FRIDAY, September 3

9:00 Richard Kondzielaski, requested by Ron and Dorothy Miller

SATURDAY, September 4

4:00 Mary Hojnowski, requested by Russell and Diane Koch

SUNDAY, September 5

- 7:30 Special Intentions
- **9:30** Frederick & Veronica Sauerbrunn, requested by the family
- 11:00 Special Intentions

Volunteer Catechists Needed for Faith Formation: Grades 3 and 5

Go make disciples and teach them everything that I have commanded you. -Matthew 28:19-20

It is through caring, sharing and praying that our community has grown in love and support of one another. The success of our religious education program depends on the dedicated individuals in our parish willing to share their time, talents and faith with the future church, our parish children.

For more information, contact Valerie St. Jean, Director of Religious Education, K-8. 860-673—9858 x.223 or email: valerie.stjean@stannavon.com



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 8/22/21: \$4,806.68 Online Giving (Aug.8, 2-25021): \$3,073.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *none*



Join us for a 4-week study of "*Reaching Out"* by Henri Nouwen, the perfect book for our times!

How well do you love? Come see how understanding our struggles helps us love God, self and others better. Learn to move from Isolation to Solitude; from Hostility to Hospitality; from Illusion to Prayer. Tuesdays, beginning Sept 14, 2021. More details to come. Contact: ann.distefano@stannavon.com





Saint Ann's is Social

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Unemployment Support



3-5pm on Wednesdays via Zoom

A weekly Q&A meeting with a discussion of a job-search topic of interest to attendees. If you prefer more anonymity you may call (646) 558-8656 and use meeting code 3671752517.

For more information: BrianJud@comcast.net. Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/3671572517 *



A 24-Part Bible Study Featuring Jeff Cavins

Join us for a fascinating 24-session study of the Gospel of Matthew.

See who Jesus is and what his life and teachings mean for us today. Thursdays, beginning September 23, 2021. More details to come. Contact: <u>ann.distefano@stannavon.com</u>

Pilgrim Statue of "Our Lady of Fatima Returns to St. Ann From 2pm on Sat., October 9th through 4pm on Sun., October10th

We are privileged and thankful to once again have the pilgrim statue of "Our Lady of Fatima" at our church of St. Ann's beginning at 2 pm October 9 through 4pm, October 10, 2021. This is one of four statues commissioned by Lucia, one of the three children which the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to in the apparitions at Fatima Portugal. This particular statue has traveled the world for the last 70 years, and last year was at the United Nations, as well as in Asia, Europe and South America, and many countries in between. The Pilgrim Statue will start in

Father Bennett hall and be processed into the main church for the 4 pm mass on October 9th, and remain through all masses on October 10th.

The custodian, Judith Studer, will talk about the statue and her experiences as custodian, following each of masses, in addition, after each mass, we will have the recitation of the Holy Rosary. Please be sure to mark your calendars for this blessed event, and bring your friends and family.



God Has a Personal Message For You!



Join us for the popular *Lectio Divina* way of praying scripture, where you listen for what God is saying to you in the Gospel for the coming Sunday. It's also a great way to connect with others, and engage more fully in Mass.

Friendly groups meet via Zoom * Newcomers welcome Sundays at 10:30am, and Fridays at 9:45am. For registration details and inspiringtestimonials, visit: <u>https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live</u>



When Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary and revealed to her His Sacred Heart, He said to her, "I have heard thy sighs, and the desires of thy heart are so pleasing to Me, that had I not instituted My Divine Sacrament of Love, I would do so now for love of three, so as to have the pleasure of dwelling in thy soul and of taking My loving repose in thy heart." Such tender, loving words from Our Lord!

Reflection:

Can you imagine if Jesus was saying these words to you? When we receive Holy Communion in the state of grace and with a sincere longing to be united to Him, Our Lord is indeed saying these words to each of us as well. What joy should be ours to know that we are so loved by our God that he delights in our reception of Him in Holy Communion.



Usher Assistance Needed!

We are currently in need of some usher assistance, either as:

- a permanent usher (where you will be installed as a member and scheduled)
- alternatively, as a volunteer, on an as-needed basis during a Mass you are attending. If you are able to help pass the baskets at a Mass you are attending, please mention that to the usher at the door.

If you can help out in any way, please contact Joe Savage, our Usher Ministry Leader at 860-306-8788 or email at: jpsavidge@aol.com.



Archdiocese of Hartford's Annual Marriage Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 2:00pm Cathedral of Saint Joseph/Hartford

(couples can register to attend online at: bit.ly/aohmarriagemass)

marriage anniversary celebration

ALL THOSE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD WHO OBSERVED OR WILL BE OBSERVING 25th, 50th, 60th, AND OTHER SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN EITHER 2020 OR 2021 ARE INVITED TO JOIN ARCHBISHOP BLAIR FOR THIS SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY MASS

THE MASS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021 BEGINNING AT 2:00 PM

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH IN HARTFORD

 $couples\ can\ register\ to\ attend\ online\ at\ bit.ly/aohmarriagemass$



Tickets On Sale Now!

Where do we come from and where are we going? These questions are DECISIVE for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward authentic fulfillment. Join *Christopher West* and *Mike Mangione* on October 1st as they creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, movie

creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, movie clips, YouTube videos, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instill in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive...

> Tickets are available in the parish offices. Call Ann DiStefano for more information: 860-673-9858, x.228

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AUGUST 29, 2021 - 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Give it all Back

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what's owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity — on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery.

But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gunslinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive?

Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls.

Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense?

The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs?

Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it — that's robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you — that's justice

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Manday	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
Monday:	
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	ls 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. (Dt 4:2)

Psalm:

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

Second Reading:

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

Gospel:

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

What makes a person wise and intelligent? Certainly it is not the ability to memorize facts or minute details about a situation. What makes a person wise and intelligent is when their words and actions harmoniously unite and produce virtue. A person can know many facts and even do the right actions but still have a grave flaw in their character. We sometimes want to delude ourselves into thinking that as long as we are "doing" everything correctly, we are automatically in right relationship with all. Such is sadly not the case in the kingdom of God. We are called not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers as well. That means getting to the heart of what laws and rituals are meant to signify and nurture. If we do not bring the actions home, where they belong, and allow them to speak of the goodness, mercy, compassion, and love of God, then they are simply empty worthless gestures. Welcome the Word that has been planted within you so that you can be a truly wise and intelligent disciple of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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33 Day Consecration Journey September 4 - October 7



Join Archbishop Blair and Shepherds of the Archdiocese of Hartford for a Consecration to Jesus through Mary. We will be using the book, *Child Consecration: To Jesus through Mary* - *Following in the Spirit of St. Therese, the Little Flower.* Participants may follow along with the book and with a nightly premiered video recording of an Archdiocesan Shepherd leading us in reading, prayer, and reflection.

	What?	Who?	Where?
	Consecration = to entrust one's life to Christ through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother Mary	Archdiocese of Hartford including: Parishes Prayer Groups Schools Faith Formation Programs Shepherds Families Adults and Children	Visit: childconsecration.com for more information and a link to watch the videos as they premiere each day of the Consecration
A Consecration Journey		We have a Heavenly Mother who straight path to Her SonThis Con we make to Our Blessed Mother for	secration Journey is the request

grow in holiness

build a stronger prayer life strengthen our faith together

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From the Archdiocese... 33 Day Consecration to Jesus through Mary

All parishioners of the Archdiocese of Hartford are invited to join Archbishop Blair, and other Shepherds throughout the Archdiocese in making a Consecration to Jesus through Mary this Fall (September 4-October 7). We will be using the book *Child Consecration: To Jesus through Mary— Following in the Spirit of St.* Thérèse, *the Little Flower.* The book approaches the Consecration through the spirituality of St. Thérèse and is ideal for adults and children (for parents whose children and grandchildren cannot participate in the Consecration journey). Each day of the Consecration participants may follow along with the book and with a nightly premiered video recording of an Archdiocesan Shepherd leading us in reading, prayer and reflection. Books are available through EWTN Religious Catalogue or St. Anthony Bookstore in Orange, CT.

To learn more about the Consecration journey visit childconsecration.com

"The ABCs of Annulment"

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield

Father Thomas Walsh, Pastor of Saint Augustine Parish, 10 Campbell Ave, Hartford, Connecticut, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, Connecticut, will host "*The ABCs of Annulment*" on Saturday of September 18th, from 10 am to 12:00 pm, in the Church Hall at the address above.

Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC in English, while Deacon Ramon Rosado will deliver the presentation in Spanish.

Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on September 25th and October 2nd and 9th, from 10 am to 12:00 pm. Deacon George Frederick and Jim Tottenham, members of the Annulment Team, will join Br. Larry and Deacon Rosado for the Workshops.

The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at: brolarlus300@gmail.com.

> St. Patrick Church Farmington, CT Centennial Celebration 1921 - 2021

Sunday, September 19, 2021 4:00 to 7:00 pm Farmington Gardens 999 Farmington Ave. Farmington Food - <u>Music</u> - Cash Bar Raffle Ticket Price **s**50

Tickets available online @ stpatsfarm.org Tickets will go on sale after masses in August Be sure to get your tickets soon Space is limited 1920's apparel optional





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